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                       AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4822
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          AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 4822, AS AMENDED, by
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      replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
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      following:
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          "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
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      14-8.03 as follows:
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          (105 ILCS 5/14-8.03) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-8.03)
          Sec. 14-8.03. Transition goals, supports, and services.
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          (a) For purposes of this Section, "transition services"
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      means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a
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      disability that (i) is designed to be within a results-oriented
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      process that is focused on improving the academic and
      functional achievement of the child with a disability to
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      facilitate the child's movement from school to post-school
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      activities, including post-secondary education, vocational
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education, integrated employment (including supported

1 employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation; (ii) is based 2 on the individual child's needs, taking into account the 3 4 child's strengths, preferences, and interests; and (iii) 5 includes instruction, related services, community experiences, 6 the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and, if appropriate, acquisition of daily 7 living skills, benefits planning, work incentives education, 8 9 and the provision of a functional vocational evaluation. 10 Transition services for a child with a disability may be special education, if provided as specially designed 11 instruction, or a related service if required to assist a child 12 13 with a disability to benefit from special education. 14 (a-5) Beginning no later than the first individualized 15 education plan (IEP) in effect when the student turns age 14 16 1/2 (or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Team) and updated annually thereafter, the IEP must include (i) 17 measurable post-secondary goals based upon age-appropriate 18 19 transition assessments and other information available 20 regarding the student that are related to training, education, employment, and, where appropriate, independent living skills 21 22 and (ii) the transition services needed to assist the student in reaching those goals, including courses of study. A school 23 24 district shall consider, and develop when needed, 25 transition goals and supports for eligible 26 disabilities not later than the school

student reaches age 14 1/2 at the individualized education plan meeting and provide services as identified on the student's individualized education plan. Transition goals shall be based on appropriate evaluation procedures and information, take into consideration the preferences of the student and his or her parents or guardian, be outcome oriented, and include employment, post secondary education, and community living alternatives. Consideration of these goals shall result in the clarification of a school district's responsibility to deliver specific educational services such as vocational training and community living skills instruction.

(b) Transition planning must be conducted as part of the IEP process and must be governed by the procedures applicable to the development, review, and revision of the IEP, including notices to the parents and student, parent and student participation, and annual review. To appropriately assess and develop IEP transition goals and transition services for a child with a disability plan for the student's transition needs, additional participants individualized education plan team members may be necessary and may be invited asked by the school district, parent, or student to participate assist in the transition planning process. Additional participants individualized education plan team members may include without limitation a representative from the Department of Human Services or another State agency, a case coordinator, or persons representing other public or community agencies or

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services, such as adult service providers or public community colleges. The IEP individualized education plan shall identify specify each person responsible for coordinating delivering transition services. If the IEP team determines that the student requires transition services from a public or private entity outside of the school district, the IEP team shall identify potential outside resources, assign one or more IEP team members to contact the appropriate outside entities, make the necessary referrals, provide any information and documents necessary to complete the referral, follow up with the entity to ensure that the student has been successfully linked to the entity, and monitor the student's progress to determine if the student's IEP transition goals and benchmarks are being met. The student's IEP shall indicate one or more specific time periods during the school year when the IEP team shall review the services provided by the outside entity and the student's progress in such activities. The public school's responsibility for delivering educational services does not extend beyond the time the student leaves school or when the student's eligibility ends due to age under this Article student reaches age 21.

(c) A school district shall submit annually a summary of each eligible student's IEP transition goals and transition services needed supports resulting from the IEP individualized education plan team meeting to the appropriate local Transition Planning Committee. If students with

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1 disabilities who are ineligible for special education services request transition services, local public school districts shall assist those students by identifying post-secondary 3 school goals, delivering appropriate education services, and coordinating with other agencies and services for assistance.

(d) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois

- 1 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
- definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the 2
- jurisdiction of the Governor. 3
- (Source: P.A. 92-452, eff. 8-21-01.) 4
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 5
- 6 becoming law.".